ABSTRACT

A User Distribution Server (UDS) is provided in a network having multiple

servers and users which are each identified by a plurality of different user

identifications. The UDS is located close to an entity disposed to request user

5   information and the UDS responds to a query pertaining to a specific user by

redirecting the query to the appropriate server or serving entity. The UDS

implements a secondary database with user and server identification information

obtained from primary user databases associated with or derived from the servers.

The use of distinct primary and secondary databases simplifies data handling, since

10   data changes and updates can be readily managed in the primary databases and then

transferred to or actualized in the secondary database.